

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 remain in the application for consideration of the Examiner.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and following remarks.

Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite.

This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner does not understand the term "locus".

In this connection, Applicants respectfully submit that it has a similar meaning to "terminals".

It is respectfully submitted that Claims 1-20 are in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and particularly points out and distinctly claims the subject matter which the Applicants regard as their invention.

Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Nagano.

These rejections are respectfully traversed.

It is respectfully submitted that Nagano does not disclose or suggest the presently claimed invention including processor device being controlled by the output signal during startup in independent Claim 1, the processor device being controlled by the control signal during startup in independent Claim 9, albeit defined as the method

step of controlling the processor device with the control signal during startup in independent Claim 17.

The Examiner alleges that processor device is deemed intended use.

Applicants have amended Claims 1, 9, and 17 to overcome the concerns of the Examiner.

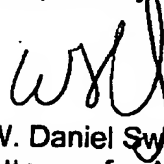
It is respectfully submitted that Claims 1-20 are patentably distinct over the applied reference.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

While it is believed that the instant response places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Texas Instruments Incorporated, Account No. 20-0668.

Respectfully submitted,



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